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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(37 C.F.R. §1.115)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17-32 and add new claims 33-38.

33. A tackifier for binding particulate matter into a covering on a surface,

comprising:

a. a synthetic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, and a co-polymer of acrylate and acrylamide;

b. a natural organic material associated with said synthetic polymer;

c. a cross-linking agent for cross-linking said synthetic polymer and said associated natural organic material, said cross-linking agent being compatible with live entities, said cross-linking agent selected from the group consisting of: sodium

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